

## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 August 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Leslie Campbell (Chairman) Carol Wise  
Jane Baker Sue Hatton  
Judith Foot Bill Hatton

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present were 6 members of the public for consideration of application DM/15/2975, and 1 member for application DM/15/3032.

**1. Apologies for Absence.** None. Absent without apology, Victoria Standfast.

**2. Declarations of Interest.** None.

*Public participation. Moray Sanders of Semley Road spoke to object to application DM/15/2975, 30 Semley Road, Hassocks, reducing trees to hedge height, indicating that this was an ancient hedgerow, protected by a TPO and the reduction in height would have a negative impact on the rural appearance of the road and residents would lose an attractive amenity. Jamie Mitchell of 35 Downs View Road spoke in support of his application for a rear ground floor terrace and balcony.*

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 July 2015.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4. Applications.**

**DM/15/2975, 30 Semley Road, Hassocks.**

Reduce trees to same height as hedge opposite, approximately 4-5m in height.

Response: recommend refusal.

The committee took account of the Tree Warden's report, but decided after consideration that the application should be refused as the hedge was a feature and such a reduction would be detrimental to the amenity of the area and change the rural appearance of the road.

**DM/15/2829 120 Parklands Road, Hassocks.**

Front access ramp to block of flats.

Response: recommend approval.

**DM/15/3046 Garage Northeast of Hassocks Lodge, Keymer Road, Hassocks.**

Conversion and extension of existing garage to form a dwelling.

Response: recommend refusal.

This is not a suitable site for conversion, and there are concerns that the access would be dangerous. The council also recommends that the two mature oak trees on the site should be protected by a TPO.

**DM/15/3008, 76A Grand Avenue, Hassocks.**

Retrospective application for replacement garage.

Response: recommend approval.

The council recommends that the garage should be painted green to blend in with the surroundings.

**DM/15/3061 Land to the Rear of 52-58 Keymer Road, Hassocks.**

Proposal for three new houses and demolition of existing derelict building.

Response: recommend refusal.

The proposal would be over development of the site, the access onto Keymer Road is potentially dangerous, and there is inadequate parking provision. The proposal would also be prejudicial to the complete redevelopment of this area as proposed in the emerging Neighbourhood Plan for Hassocks.

**DM/15/3096, 92 Grand Avenue, Hassocks.**

Demolition of existing lean to conservatory and construction of new rear and side single storey extension.

Response: recommend approval.

**DM/15/3125 Royston Nursing Home, Brighton Road, Hassocks.**

Conversion of main building into 5 self-contained flats & erection of detached dwelling house.

Response: recommend refusal.

This represents over-development of the site, the addition of a house means there is no amenity space for the flats, and parking has been reduced, and there are concerns about the safety of the access onto the Brighton Road.

**DM/15/3155, 4 The Close, Hassocks.**

Single storey rear extension.

Response: recommend approval.

**DM/15/2839, 2 Grand Avenue, Hassocks.**

Demolition of attached garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension.

Response: recommend approval.

**DM/15/3032, 35 Downs View Road, Hassocks.**

Part retrospective rear ground floor terrace and balcony with steps to lower garden.

Response: recommend approval.

**SDNP/15/03665/HOUS Fir Cottage, Spring Lane, Clayton.**

Demolition of existing rear lean-to, kitchen & bathroom, and bay window, alterations to existing single storey pitched roof with solar panels to roof, storey and a half pitched roof extension and revised hardstanding.

Response: recommend approval.

5. **Results.** The following APPROVALS were noted:

DM/15/2884 36 Stanford Avenue, Hassocks

DM/15/2786 Keymer Rectory, 1 The Crescent, Hassocks

DM/15/2249 23 Oak Tree Drive, Hassocks

DM/15/2291 The Old Dairy Cottage, Hammonds Mill Farm, London Road, Hassocks

DM/15/2515 37 Silverdale, Hassocks

DM/15/2406 11 Rose Court, North Bank, Hassocks  
DM/15/2254 Adastra Park, Keymer Road, Hassocks  
The following REFUSAL was noted:  
DM/15/1734 41 Woodslan Road, Hassocks.

6. **Date of Next Meeting.** 7 September 2015 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....